

Meeting Date: 1/17/08

Agenda Item No. 16 _____

Agenda Item: Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

1. Tom Parker, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Land Consultant worked diligently to close on a gift of two 20-acre conservation easements on the Big Wood River. The easement provides excellent habitat for a large population of elk in the Wood River Valley. The area will be managed by the Region 4 Idaho Fish and Game office.
2. Twenty trips have been confirmed for the March Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation/Idaho Department of Fish and Game on-line trip auction. The goal is to reach thirty confirmed trips by January 25, 2008.
3. Idaho Transportation Department accepted the Idaho Department of Fish and Game proposal for the I-86 Chubbuck Road Wetland Mitigation Trust (between the Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, established 2004). A portion of the mitigation funds will be used at the Edson Fichter Nature Area for eroded stream bank repair on the Portneuf River. Work begins summer 2008.
4. Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Wildlife License Plate Committee have worked closely with the Idaho Transportation Department on the Foundation's proposed marketing plan to help promote sales of the wildlife license plates. Billboard campaigns began December 25, 2007 and will end the latter part of February 2008. Statewide radio spots will air end of December 2007 through end of February 2008. Television advertising (day-part underwriting) begins January 27, 2008 on Idaho Public Television prior to the statewide broadcast of NATURE on Sunday evenings – 8:00 pm MT/7:00 pm Pacific. Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation office staff has worked closely with Sue Nass from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Communication Bureau on production of the 15-second spot.
5. Two Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation board members have resigned: Gail Siemen (after 16 years representing Region 5) and Julie Cloud (after 3.5 years representing Region 3). Two new candidates will be voted on prior to the February 2008 board meeting and will be announced at that board meeting.
6. The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Board of Directors met on December 2, 2007 in Boise. Next board meeting scheduled for Boise on February 1 & 2, 2008 at Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters.
7. In February, the Board of Directors will vote on eight wildlife and habitat project funding proposals submitted by applicants throughout Idaho. The deadline was November 1, 2007. Announcements of projects funded will be in early March 2008.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

None

Public Involvement Process:

None

Staff Recommendation:

Continue regular reporting.

Justification:

Per Commission request.